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Sixth Chapter of Hanford Story Released to Public

Chapter Covers History and Cleanup of Most Hazardous Facility at Hanford

RICHLAND, Wash. – The Department of Energy is releasing the sixth chapter of The Hanford Story video series to the public today. “Plutonium Finishing Plant” provides viewers with a look at the history and cleanup of the highest hazard facility remaining at the Hanford Site.

The plant produced nearly two-thirds of the nation’s supply of plutonium for the nuclear weapons program and was once the center of the bulls-eye of security and secrecy at the site. After the last shipment of plutonium left the plant in 2009, the razor wire came down, and cleanup of the plant continued in earnest.

The Department has added the video to a [page](#) on its [website](#) dedicated to the Hanford Story as well as its YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/hanfordsite.

The Hanford Story is a multimedia presentation that provides an overview of the Hanford Site—its history, today’s cleanup activities, and a glimpse into the possibilities of future uses of the 586-square-mile government site in southeast Washington State. The Department of Energy is delivering The Hanford Story in a series of video-based chapters dedicated to telling the multi-faceted story of the site, including:

- The history of producing plutonium
- Impacts to the environment resulting from producing plutonium
- Progress being made in cleanup of the site
- Innovative technologies and solutions being used in cleanup activities
- Future uses of the Hanford Site

The first chapter of The Hanford Story, Hanford Overview, received an Emmy for best Historical/Cultural – Program/Special from the Northwest Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences in 2011.

Representatives of the Department of Energy and its contractors are available to show the video to groups and answer questions. To request a speaker or kiosk visit to your location, contact our Hanford Site Speakers Bureau on the Hanford [website](#), by email at HSB@rl.gov, or by calling (509) 376-3419.

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